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In the Claims:

The following listing reflects amendments to the claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1-3. (Cancelled)

- 4. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to any one of the preceding claims comprising at least five different CD4+ T cell epitopes, wherein the CD4+ T cell epitopes are selected from the group consisting of a P23TT, P32TT, P21TT, PfCs, P30TT, P2TT, HBVnc, HA, HbsAg, MT and hsp70 CD4+ epitopes T cell epitope, and further wherein at least one of said CD4+ T cell epitopes is a HBVnc, HA, HbsAg, MT or hsp70 CD4+ T cell epitope.
- 5. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to claim 4 4, that comprises the a P23TT, P32TT, P21TT, PfCs, P30TT, P2TT, HBVnc, HA, HbsAg and MT CD4+ epitopes T cell epitope.
- 6. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to claim 4 <u>4</u>, that comprises the <u>a P23TT</u>, P32TT, P21TT, PfCs, P30TT, P2TT, HBVnc, HA, HbsAg, MT and hsp70 CD4+ epitopes <u>T cell epitope</u>.
 - 7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to any one of the preceding claims claim 4, wherein the CD4+ <u>T cell</u> epitopes are human CD4+ <u>T cell</u> epitopes.
 - 9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Original) A carrier protein according to any one of the preceding

elaims claim 4 in an oligomeric form.

11. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to any one of the

preceding claims claim 4, conjugated to a polysaccharide.

12. (Original) A carrier protein according to claim 11, wherein the

polysaccharide is an Haemophilus influenzae type B polysaccharide.

13. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to claim 11, wherein

the polysaccharide is derived from any one of the following organisms: S.

pneumoniae, N. meningitidis, S. aureus, Klebsiella, or S. typhimurium.

14. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to any one of claims

11-13 claim 11, wherein the polysaccharide is conjugated to the carrier protein by

a covalent linkage.

15. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to any one of claims

11-13 claim 11, wherein the polysaccharide is conjugated to the carrier protein by

reductive amination.

16. (Currently amended) A carrier protein according to any one of claims

11-15 claim 11, wherein there are between two and ten carrier protein units

molecules are present for each polysaccharide unit molecule.

17-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) A vaccine comprising a the carrier protein

according to any one of claims 1 to 16 claim 4.

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22-32. (Cancelled)

- 33. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 5, wherein the CD4+ T cell epitopes are human CD4+ T cell epitopes.
- 34. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 6, wherein the CD4+ T cell epitopes are human CD4+ T cell epitopes.
 - 35. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 5 in an oligomeric form.
 - 36. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 6 in an oligomeric form.
- 37. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 5, conjugated to a polysaccharide.
- 38. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 6, conjugated to a polysaccharide.
- 39. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 37, wherein the polysaccharide is an *Haemophilus influenzae* type B polysaccharide.
- 40. (New) A carrier protein according to claim 38, wherein the polysaccharide is an *Haemophilus influenzae* type B polysaccharide.
 - 41. (New) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 5.
 - 42. (New) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 6.

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43. (New) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 39.

44. (New) A vaccine comprising the carrier protein according to claim 40.